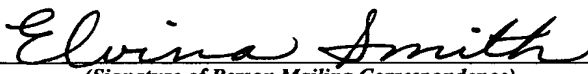


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CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 17 April 1998	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US99/08207		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 15 April 1999			
TITLE OF INVENTION EVACUATOR					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Leonard S. SCHULTZ, Jeffrey K. DROGUE, and Kevin W. GRACIE					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
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Items 13 to 18 below concern document(s) or information included:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none">13. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.14. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.15. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.16. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.17. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail19. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:					
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